



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan Is Available For Review and Comment For the Trans Bay Cable Property Pittsburg, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 22, 2007 through July 23, 2007

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

Trans Bay Cable, LLC is proposing to construct an electrical current converter station at 570, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, and 610 West Tenth Street between Beacon Street and Enterprise Circle in Pittsburg. The converter station is part of a new energy transmission project that would help provide electrical power to San Francisco, connecting the electric transmission system of the East Bay to that of San Francisco. Before construction of the electrical current converter station can begin, Trans Bay Cable, LLC is funding the necessary cleanup activities to ensure that the contamination found on the property is addressed.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), which is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency, is overseeing environmental cleanup at the 5.6 acre property. The property is bordered on the north by the Mirant Pittsburg Power Plant property and the former Burlington North Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad right-of-way, to the east and west by light industrial businesses, and to the south by West Tenth Street and a residential development.

The property was predominantly undeveloped until 1965. It was subsequently used for commercial and industrial purposes, including furniture refinishing; automobile towing, automotive wrecking and salvaging; storage and painting of metal parts; and automobile-related service businesses. Several automobile service and other commercial facilities are currently located on the property.

Environmental investigations conducted from December 2005 through March 2007 indicate that soils on the property are contaminated with lead, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), diesel and motor-oil range petroleum hydrocarbons and that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in soil gas. Trans Bay Cable, Inc. submitted a draft Removal Action Workplan that proposes digging up and disposing of up to 2,100 cubic yards (133 truckloads) of the contaminated soil at appropriate offsite disposal facilities. Land use restrictions will prohibit the use of the property for residences, schools, day-care centers or hospitals.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Report (dated October 2006) and the Addendum (dated December 2006) for the Trans Bay Cable project and prepared a Responsible Agency Checklist. Based upon this analysis, DTSC has determined that its portion of the project was adequately addressed in the existing documents and will file a Notice of Determination with the California Office of Planning and Research once the project has been approved.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley 94710, or email: Jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on July 23, 2007. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and Responsible Agency Checklist are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Pittsburg Public Library, 80 Power Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565, (925)427-8390 or the Department of Toxic Substances Control, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, (510) 540-3800. Copies are also available at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/ under the project name Trans Bay Cable Converter Station.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3833 or by e-mail to Jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Chao Thao,

DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3649 or toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or by e-mail to CThao@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or by e-mail to Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.